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# NEWSLETTER

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January 14, 1982

Washington, D.C.

THE FIRST SESSION. Now that we are at the midway point of the 97th Congress, it is time to review the legislative accomplishments of the past year.

During the first session of this Congress, your Congressman sponsored and cosponsored numerous measures. Because of the battle over the budget cuts, many of these bills did not move forward as quickly as we had hoped, but there is confidence that the new session will be a busy and productive one.

Here are some highlights of the past year.

## Some measures I sponsored

H.R. 189, which would strengthen the penalty provisions of the Gun Control Act of 1968, was referred to a House Judiciary Committee subcommittee.

H.R. 1309, which would provide grants to certain land grant colleges to assist in the purchase of equipment and land, among other things, was passed by the House and awaits action in the Senate.

H.R. 2954, which would provide general assistance and special impact aid to local educational agencies for the provision of educational services to alien children, was referred to a House Education and Labor Committee subcommittee where hearings were held.

H.R. 3603, the farm bill, setting agricultural policy for the nation for the next four years, was approved by Congress and signed by the President.

H. Jt. Res. 24, which allows the offering of prayer in public buildings, was referred to a House Judiciary Committee subcommittee.

H. Jt. Res. 25, which is the balanced budget resolution I have introduced each session since I have been in Congress, provides that appropriations shall not exceed revenues of the United States except in time of war or national emergency. This bill was referred to a House Judiciary Committee subcommittee. Hearings were held.

## Some Measures I Cosponsored

H. Res. 13, which would establish the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, was agreed to by the House.

H.R. 63, which would encourage investment in stock of domestic corporations by allowing a 10 percent income tax credit, was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

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H.R. 621, which would allow an additional 10 percent investment tax credit on equipment conserving irrigation water, was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

H.R. 992, which would let states determine whether the maximum speed limit should remain at 55 miles an hour, was referred to a House Public Works and Transportation Committee subcommittee.

H.R. 1400, which would establish a new educational assistance program for veterans and for members of the Armed Forces, was reported to the House by the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

H.R. 2389, which would safeguard the civil liberties of taxpayers by giving them the same rights as others, was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Provisions of H.R. 3301, which would establish a loan program to maintain a viable domestic sugar industry, were incorporated into the farm bill.

H.R. 4342, which would maintain the minimum benefit for those persons already eligible for it as of December 1981, was referred to a House Ways and Means Committee subcommittee, but for all intents and purposes this bill is dead since other legislation has passed that restores the minimum benefit for Social Security recipients.

H.R. 4576, which would provide financial assistance for the economic development of rural enterprise zones and would provide tax incentives for small businesses in these zones, was referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.

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STARDUST MEMORIES. When Hoagy Carmichael died recently he took a little bit of America and the nostalgia of the Big Band era with him.

The revered composer of "Stardust" and numerous other familiar songs was also a recording artist, actor, and writer of Broadway shows, movies and television shows.

He played feature roles in films such as "To Have and Have Not" and "The Best Years of Our Lives."

Although this great artist has died, his work has made him immortal. "Stardust" made him a star, and we are grateful that he brightened our lives for a time.

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